(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of the budgetary provisions in this regard; and

(d) by when the work is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) to (d) Survey for Lalitpur-Singrauli (491 kms) has been taken up. Further action will depend on the results of the survey and availability of resources in the coming years.

Complimentary passes to freedom fighters

1386. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the complimentary card passes issued to the Freedom Fighters are not valid on Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering to extend the validty of the passes on these trains also; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Rajdhani and Shatabdi Express trains are special type trains having different fare structure. In view of the very limited number and capacity of these trains, complimentary pass holders are not being permitted.

Book stalls agreements in Indian Railways

1387. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the sole selling rights clause had been withdrawn during the currency of all the bookstall agreements on Indian Railways as per letter No. 75 TGIII/461/19 dated 2nd January, 1976; and

(b) if so, what were the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Zonal Railways were advised *vide* Board's letter No. 75/TGIII/461/19 dated 2.1.1976 that the sole selling rights clause should be withdrawn from the agreements of all the bookstall contractors except M/s A. H. Wheeler & Co. and M/s Gulab Singh & Sons.

(b) This was done with a view to restore the right of the Railways to grant licence for bookstall to any other party.

Modernisation of Kurla railway station

1388. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Railway has developed a third terminal of modern design station near Kurla Station as published in the Sandhya Times dated the 13th February, 1992;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a sum of Rs. 50 crores is likely to be spent for construction of new passenger platforms and other allied facilities at Bombay V.T. Station as stated by the General Manager of Central Railway; and

(c) what are the details of stations seelcted for modernisation and construction of new passengers platform in the next three years in Central and Western Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Modernisation of stations including construction of new platforms is a continuous process and the same is done as per traffic needs, subject to overall availability of funds on year to year basis.